

it is my honor to be your President. And it's Connie's honor to be representing Maryland in the United States Congress.

Thanks for coming, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 12:04 p.m. in Salon 3 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines; and Abu Sabaya, a leader of the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group who was killed June 21 by Philippine military forces. Representative Morella is a candidate for reelection in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Message on the Observance of Independence Day, 2002

June 28, 2002

Each year on Independence Day, Americans honor and celebrate the courageous action that our Nation's Founders took on July 4, 1776—the signing of the Declaration of Independence. With that brave and profound decision, the Founders demonstrated their love for liberty and proved that they were willing to fight and die for freedom. As we honor our Founders' bold vision on this first observance of Independence Day since September 11, Americans possess a greater national unity and a deeper appreciation of the things that matter most in our lives—our faith, our love for family and friends, and our freedom.

In this new era, Americans share a renewed appreciation for the ideals that make our country strong. Our fine service men and women are fighting and winning the war on terror. They deserve the gratitude of all people who cherish freedom.

Throughout our Nation's history, Americans have been steadfast in their efforts to build a country of liberty, peace, and opportunity for all. As we act to lift the dark cloud of terror from our Nation and the world, we reaffirm our determination to preserve our Forefathers' legacy of freedom. In doing so, we honor their legacy as we move forward into the 21st century.

On this Independence Day we pay special tribute to all those currently serving in the Armed Forces and to our veterans. Their contributions have been critical to the de-

fense of our country, and our Nation is grateful.

Laura joins me in extending best wishes for a safe and memorable Independence Day. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 23

In the afternoon, the President attended a tee-ball game on the South Lawn at the White House.

June 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Port Elizabeth, NJ, where he met with Teen Freedom Corps volunteers Joanna Glick, Kelly Bianco, and Allison Cohen. Later, he toured port facilities and met with first-responders who participated in rescue efforts after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. He then traveled to Newark, NJ, and later returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michelle Guillermin to be Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

June 25

In the morning, the President traveled to Springerville, AZ, where he took an aerial tour of the wildfires in the area. He then met with emergency and rescue personnel fighting the wildfires. Later, he traveled to Eagar, AZ, where he met with families displaced by the fires.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the Kananaskis Village resort in Kananaskis, Canada, for the G-7/8 Summit.

In the evening, in the Delta Lodge at the Kananaskis Village resort, he met with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan.

The President declared a major disaster in Arizona and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on June 18 and continuing.

June 26

Throughout the day, the President attended G-7/8 meetings.

The President announced his nomination of Nancy J. Powell to be Ambassador to Pakistan.

The President announced his intention to nominate David L. Lyon to be Ambassador to Fiji, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu.

The President announced that the 60 recipients of the 2001 Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers will be honored in a White House ceremony on July 12.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by flooding on April 27–May 30.

June 27

Throughout the day, the President and other G-8 leaders met with African leaders and Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Ellen Watt to be Ambassador to Panama.

June 28

In the morning, the President had CIA and FBI briefings and then met with the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced the President's appointment of the following individuals as White House Fellows: Cesar Aristeguieta; Balan R. Ayyar; David A. Carmel; Cesar Conde; Heather H. Graham;

Richard Greco, Jr.; Eric D. Hothan; Vincent D. McBeth; Jonathan S. Spaner; Daniel S. Sullivan; William J. Thornton; Rajeev V. Venkayya; and Barry K. Williams.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House: Leonore Annenberg, Kenneth Blasingame, Helen Cooper, Wendy Cooper, Lonnie Bunch, William Kloss, S. Roger Horchow, Elizabeth Gerschel, Leslie Neuhoﬀ, Richard Nylander, and John Wilmerding.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 25

Richard H. Carmona, of Arizona, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of 4 years, vice David Satcher, term expired.

Michelle Guillermin, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, vice Anthony Musick.

David L. Lyon, of California, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Tonga,